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Jumpers take fight to court

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Legal action

• Ross Clark, the lawyer representing the female ski jumpers, explains the legalities of the case on page 3.

The discipline, drive and focus they learned as athletes have helped prepare 15 female ski jumpers for the their fight to be included in the 2010 Olympics, two of the jumpers said.

Lawyers representing the women will present their opening arguments in B.C. Supreme Court on Monday in a lawsuit that claims VANOC has violated their rights to equality by only allowing male athletes to compete in 2010.

American jumper Lindsey Van, who is a plaintiff in the case and the current world champion, said training to be a world-class athlete has prepared her to take on any fight.

"You learn mental toughness to be competitive, and it's the same thing in this situation," Van said.

"It's a historic thing that's happening in our sport and it's important to be (in Vancouver on Monday). If it doesn't work out at least we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that we actually tried."

Calgary jumper Katie Willis, 17, another plaintiff in the case, said athletes have to be assertive and confident to succeed, and that she's approaching the lawsuit as she would a competition.

"It's just another obstacle to overcome," Willis said. "We know we'll get there eventually, and that we'll be pioneers."

"As I grow up I see men and women becoming more and more equal … and it's important for me that the first time (women ski jumpers compete in the Olympics) be in Canada."

The IOC said there wouldn't be athletes competing in 2010, and they wouldn't have participated in enough world championships beforehand, to justify including a women's component in the Games.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CANADA

Katie Willis at the Canada Olympic Park in Calgary on Thursday. The world-class athlete will be in Vancouver on Monday for the start of a lawsuit launched by 15 female ski jumpers against VANOC to allow women to compete in the sport at the 2010 Olympics.

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day on Wednesday, Metro is providing you with ways you can go green and lessen your environmental footprint.

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ENTERTAINMENT. The greening of popular music.

HEALTH. Green your sex life: 10 eco-friendly ways to make love better.

Obama plans high-speed rail system

TRAVEL A high-speed rail line that would link Vancouver to Seattle and Portland could soon be a reality after U.S. President Barack Obama outlined his plan for developing "long overdue" high-speed rail on Thursday.

Obama's vision is to have the trains, which would travel at about 240 km/h, rival air travel, create jobs and help curb the U.S. transportation system's appetite for oil.

"My high-speed rail proposal will lead to innovations that change the way we travel in America," Obama said in announcing the first steps of an initiative that will tap $8 billion in economic stimulus money through 2012. The money is part of a larger $787-billion economic stimulus spending package.

The first grants for high-speed projects and upgrades to existing service could be awarded this summer.

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Bottled water ban could prove draining, says report

COUNCIL Vancouver's plan to ban bottled water could potentially drain more than $840,000 in lost sales revenues annually, says a report to city council next week.

Council is considering spending up to $50,000 on options to eliminate bottled water in city hall and promote tap water as an environmentally sustainable option.

A report that comes before council April 23 also examines the potential fiscal implications if various city boards adopted a ban on bottled water.

The Pacific National Exhibition, for example, which includes Playland and events at Pacific Coliseum, sells 240,000 bottles annually and could stand to lose $450,000 in sales. The Park Board could see potential revenue losses of $250,000, while civic theatres could lose $109,000.

The numbers, however, do not take into account the anticipated increase in alternate beverage sales that would offset some of the lost revenues. Park board and PNE staff also warned that people might buy less healthy options.

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Cows to be culled
The Canadian Food Inspection Agency announced on Thursday that 22 cows will be destroyed at a Fraser Valley dairy farm, following Canada's 15th case of mad cow disease. The infected cow was killed in November. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

AC/DC show on sale Saturday

Tickets to AC/DC's upcoming Vancouver show go on sale at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The Aussie rockers made headlines in November when their GM Place show sold out in four minutes, leaving hundreds of frustrated fans without tickets. The band, including lead singer Brian Johnson, left, performs at B.C. Place on Aug. 29.
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Thousands expected at pot rally

Police don't plan to make arrests at event celebrating cannabis culture

MINÉ SALKIN
for Metro Vancouver

Smoking marijuana may be a criminal offence, but Vancouver police won't be looking to make arrests at a pro-pot rally on Monday that is expected to attract thousands of people.

Const. Jana McGuinness said officers will be present at the event, which takes place in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery every April 20.

"As long as there isn't a public safety issue, where things would move into the streets, then the event will be able to continue," she said.

Last year, about 6,000 people took part in the 420 gathering to celebrate marijuana culture. Despite open pot use, no arrests were made. That many people are expected to return this year and to spark up joints at 4:20 p.m.

Jodie Emery, Green party candidate for the Vancouver-Fraserview riding, said the event is a celebration of Canadians' "autonomy."

The B.C. Green Party platform for the May 12 election includes the legalization of marijuana.

"Millions of dollars go into enforcing marijuana laws, and this money could be used to prevent more serious problems like violent crimes or identity theft," she said.

Jodie Emery is married to Marc Emery, founder and president of the B.C. Marijuana Party. He's facing extradition to the U.S. for selling marijuana seeds to Americans online.

News in brief

STRIKE Some classes were cancelled at BCIT's Burnaby campus on Thursday because of a strike, CBC News Online reports. Custodial staff have been picketing since Tuesday asking for wage parity with hospital housekeeping staff who earn $2 per hour more.

ARREST A 24-year-old Maple Ridge man was arrested by Transit Police after he allegedly pulled a knife and threatened a bus driver who was on his break at a pizza shop near Surrey Central SkyTrain Station. Christopher Carl Agin faces charges. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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What's online today.

Video A spoon-bending mentalist shows off at **metronews.ca/canada**
Blogs Hollywood Rants makes a case for staying home with Sixteen Candles this weekend.

Jumpers' suit could take months

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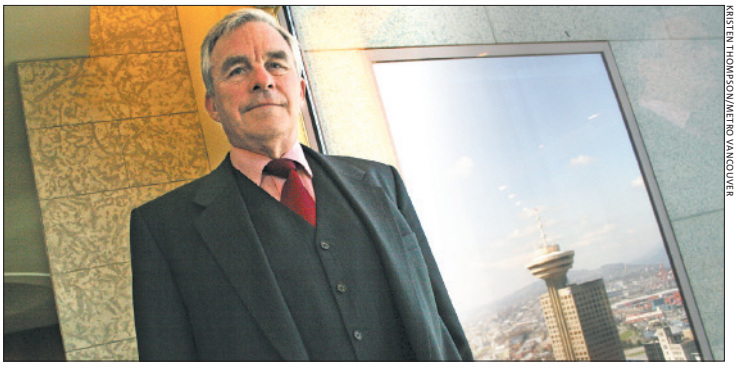

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Lawyer Ross Clark, pictured in his Vancouver office, is representing 15 women ski jumpers in a court proceedings to begin Monday.

LEGAL ACTION It could take up to three months for 15 female ski jumpers to find out if VANOC is legally obligated to allow them to compete alongside men in the 2010 Games.

On Monday, their lawyer will be in B.C. Supreme Court to begin opening arguments in their discrimination case against VANOC.

Ross Clark, who is representing the athletes, said the judge will have several months to "absorb it all" and draw conclusions

"I think we have a very strong argument," Clark said.

"We are asking the court for a declaration that, under the law of Canada, if VANOC hosts a men's event they must also host a women's event, because to do otherwise would be a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms," Clark said.

"(If we're successful) I think VANOC would go back to the IOC and say … 'Either you decide to hold the ski jumping somewhere else or you add a women's event to the 2010 Olympic Games.'"

If the case for the ski jumpers isn't successful, Clark said, "We'll look at the reasons."

Lawsuit

- The suit names VANOC and not the IOC because VANOC is hosting the Games in Canada, and it's responsible to uphold Canada's laws.

Councillor calls for soft-surface urban trails

CITY A Vancouver councillor wants to create a network of "soft surface" urban trails so that joggers and walkers have an alternative to joint-straining concrete sidewalks.

Urban trails could include rubberized surfaces on sidewalks and bark mulch pathways through parks.

"People would love it," said NPA Coun. Suzanne Anton. "It will be one of those facilities that you'd build it and people would come."

Anton said some preliminary mapping work has already been done, and is calling for a pilot project between Langara Golf Course and Queen Elizabeth Park in the next three years.

"Having good facilities for good health is one of the most important things we can do." JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Police identify slain woman

DEATH Police identified the woman found shot to death in a Richmond industrial park as 39-year-old Tung Sze (Betty) Yan, from Richmond. RCMP confirmed Yan was known to police, but couldn't confirm reports she was a loan shark.
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University of B.C. suing organizers of speaking engagement

The University of B.C. is suing the organizers of the Power Within speakers' series, alleging they owe the school $200,000 for using the Thunderbird Arena to host self-help speaker Tony Robbins. Back in February the organization cancelled its Vancouver event with U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps after photos surfaced online of him smoking pot. NEWS1130.COM

Vancouver still the priciest market for homeowners

HOUSING Vancouver is still the costliest Canadian city in which to own a home despite declining house prices and lower mortgage rates.

According to a study by RBC Economics released Thursday, it takes 70.3 per cent of the pre-tax income of a household to service the costs of owning a home here. That's significantly more than in Toronto (51.3 per cent), Calgary (42.7 per cent), Ottawa (42.7 per cent) and Montreal (39.4 per cent).

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News in brief

DZIEKANSKI Four RCMP officers used reasonable force when they confronted Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport and stunned him five times with a Taser, a police expert said Thursday at a public inquiry into the man's death, CBC News Online reports.

ELECTION NDP Leader Carole James promised to scrap the province's carbon tax while campaigning at a gas station Thursday, cknw.com reports.

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Giving Afghan women a chance

Benefit concert to support Kabul school that offers literacy, computer classes

MINÉ SALKIN
for Metro Vancouver

Educated women are the biggest threat to the Taliban, and a group of musicians in Vancouver is taking steps to "arm" more women in Afghanistan.

Blues player Joni Miller, a lifelong supporter of women's rights, is organizing a benefit concert for Sunday at Café Deux Soleils on Commercial Drive for Give Girls a Chance, a non-profit organization.

GGAC, a fundraiser for Tides Canada Foundation, administers educational funds to women in disadvantaged communities around the world.

"The message to educate women is a simple and direct one, and it has a big impact," Miller said.

Maxine Crook, GGAC fund adviser, said donations from the concert will go to the Noor Education Centre in Kabul. Started by a young group of Afghan women in 2001, the school provides literacy and computer classes.

"It's really difficult for women in Afghanistan, because the Taliban targets outspoken, educated women who have a voice for change," Crook said.

For the concert, Miller handpicked female jazz and blues artists to play, including her cousin Judy Lee.

"Everyone heard about the project and immediately said yes," Miller said.

Established in 2001, GGAC has raised more than $375,000 for the education of girls in Canada and abroad.

MINÉ SALKIN/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Blues player Joni Miller is organizing the concert, which will be held Sunday at Café Deux Soleils.

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Concert participant Jill Newman.

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Concert participant Judy Lee.

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Concert participant Monica Lee.

Disparity

Women's issues — particularly the right to equality — have been at the forefront as Afghanistan moves toward democracy and away from its Taliban-controlled era. Recent incidents illustrate the disparity between men and women in the war-torn country:

- On Wednesday, about 50 Afghan women in Kabul were pelted with stones for protesting a proposed law that would legalize marital rape.
- On Monday, the Taliban publicly executed a young woman and her lover eloping against their parents' wishes.
- On Sunday, prominent Afghan female politician Sitara Achakzai was shot and killed by four gunmen outside her home.
- On Nov. 12, 2008, three Afghan girls walking to school in Kandahar City were seriously burned when two men on a motorcycle threw acid on them.

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Sign of the times
Bankruptcies in B.C. rose 46 per cent in the year leading up to February. Alberta bankruptcies soared 67 per cent over the same time. **NEWS1130.COM**

So many men ... such little time

Curious?

- For more info on Rendezvous Club — which hosts speed-dating events from ages 19 to 60, go to rclub.ca.

The most common story they told was that they were from out of town.

"I'm new here," these single men would say, "and my friends introduced me to this."

Others would say that they're just too busy to meet folks in traditional methods, similar to the claims in late-night infomercials.

Regardless of excuses, the men I met during my limited time speed-dating last night seemed fairly normal — much less douchier than anticipated.

It was a full turnout at 100 Dates in 100 Minutes last night, the giant speed-dating event put on by Rendezvous Club at Caprice nightclub.

And, despite the stigma attached to most blind-date type affairs, I was not entirely annoyed.

No. 23, according to my chicken-scratch notes, resembled Alex Rodriguez. No. 20 was attractive, despite my only recollection that he had two last names. No. 1 was born at the same hospital as I was in Ontario.

No. 24's breath, however, was less than fresh.

No, the level of loathing was considerably lower than expected. Perhaps there is something to this speed-dating thing the youngins seem so fond of lately.

Or, perhaps, it was the three pitchers I had beforehand and the two drink tickets upon entry.

$130M for Games security: RCMP

The RCMP is spending roughly $130 million on an electronic perimeter and security screening devices for the 2010 Games, Mounties announced yesterday.

A $30.5-million contract awarded to Honeywell Canada would see the company install a temporary electronic security perimeter around Olympic venues, athlete villages and the international media centre.

A second contract, worth as much as $97 million, would see Contemporary Security Canada install and supervise screening devices under the supervision of the RCMP. **METRO VANCOUVER**

UBC defers NCAA application until next year

SPORTS The University of B.C. has put off an application to join the NCAA because "critical questions" remain unanswered, the university said yesterday.

The NCAA, which currently only has U.S. schools, opened its membership to Canadian schools in January as part of a pilot project. UBC is among the schools contemplating joining the NCAA Division II.

Among the school's questions are whether UBC will be exempt from the NCAA's expensive academic accreditation requirement and whether it can still compete in both the NCAA and CIS, the Canadian equivalent.

UBC decided to defer their application until at least 2010. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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Man leaps to his death from plane

A small charter plane managed to land safely in Nunavut after a passenger forced open the aircraft's door and leapt to his death Wednesday night, police said. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

More young people beating cancer: Stats

Survival rate up 5 per cent for those between 15 and 29

Next month will bring a triumphant milestone for Sommer Ellis. On May 5, it will be five years since the 24-year-old was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"It's definitely great news. We hope the rate continues to rise."
Sommer Ellis, cancer survivor

"It's been a long battle and it's so reassuring I've almost reached that mark," she said.

"I plan to have a big celebration with family and friends."

The Toronto woman is among an increasing number of young Canadians coping successfully with cancer.

The Canadian Cancer Society Thursday released statistics showing a five per cent increase in the five-year survival rate of patients between 15 and 29 years of age.

Despite the good news, the society says this is a "largely understudied population" of cancer sufferers when it comes to cancer and more research and supports are required to meet their needs.

Among those in this age range diagnosed with cancer between 2001 and 2004, 85 per cent are still alive today.

That's up from 80 per cent in that time frame for those diagnosed between 1992 to 1995.

The five-year survival rate is an indicator of a good prognosis beyond that point. The longer a person lives cancer free, the better the chances the disease won't return.

"It's definitely great news," said Ellis, who works in public relations at the University Health Network.

"We hope the rate continues to rise," she says.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CFB Trenton, Ont. Slain soldier comes home

FRED THORNHILL/REUTERS

Family members approach the hearse carrying Trooper Karine Blais at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ont., on Thursday. Trooper Blais was killed when her vehicle struck an improvised explosive device north of Kandahar City in Afghanistan on April 13.

Flood peaks early in Winnipeg

RED RIVER The Red River has hit its highest level in Winnipeg two days earlier than expected and should now begin to decline, government officials said on Thursday.

The Red rose 0.3 metres overnight to its crest of 6.9 metres because of heavy ice moving in from the Assiniboine River, which meets the Red in the city's downtown.

The Assiniboine has now also crested.

The Assiniboine's ice floes moved earlier than expected, heading off a slightly higher crest that had been forecast for Saturday. The Red River is expected to crest during the weekend in the valley south and upstream of Winnipeg, where the river is in places as wide as 16 km, dotted by towns kept dry with ring dikes.

"There's going to be some relief but we're not letting our guard down," said Steve Ashton, the minister responsible for emergency measures in Manitoba.

Officials couldn't say how long southern Manitoba would remain at flood levels after the crest.

The city of Winnipeg declared a state of emergency for hundreds of riverbank properties on Thursday to gain authority to force residents to evacuate their homes if necessary.

That was only a precaution to allow emergency workers fast access to dikes that might need repair, Ashton said.

The provincial government expects flooding along the Red River south of Winnipeg to be the second worst on record, following only 1997's "Flood of the Century."

REUTERS

Toronto program cuts food-borne illness
Cases of food-borne illness began to fall almost immediately after Toronto began making restaurant inspection results public in 2001, and in eight years they have dropped 30 per cent, says a Toronto Public Health report. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Schreiber says letter was untrue

Karlheinz Schreiber says he wasn't telling the truth about patching up his differences with Brian Mulroney in a 2006 letter, which the German-Canadian businessman hoped would help in his extradition fight.

Schreiber told a public inquiry Thursday that the letter was to be shown to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who he hoped would consider intervening in his extradition case and agree to an inquiry into alleged scandals in Ottawa.

Schreiber, wanted in Germany on tax evasion charges, told the inquiry Mulroney had indirectly asked for the letter so he could show it to Harper when the Mulroneys and the Harpers got together at the prime minister's Harrington Lake summer home.

"How could he go to Mr. Harper (if) we are not on good terms ... to speak to him about this inquiry and my case?" Schreiber said Thursday at the inquiry delving into business dealings between him and Mulroney regarding the failed Bear Head project to build light armoured military vehicles in Canada.

"If every letter you sent out and you exchange with politicians would be true, we would have a quite different world," he told inquiry lead counsel Richard Wolson.

Schreiber has testified he handed Mulroney envelopes stuffed with $1,000 bills three times over an 18-month period to promote the Bear Head proposal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rockers shell out to sponsor turtle race

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LEATHERBACKS It's a turtle race in which you'll find coverage online and competitors with sponsors like R.E.M. and Pearl Jam.

Eleven endangered leatherback sea turtles are racing from feeding areas off the Atlantic Ocean to breeding areas in the warm, tropical waters of the Caribbean. The race started yesterday off the Nova Scotia coast near St. Margarets Bay and will last about two weeks.

The race is taking place to spotlight the importance of protecting these "iconic animal species" from extinction. The leatherback is the world's largest turtle, growing up to be two metres in length and 500 kilograms.

"Canadians share their leatherbacks with the international community, and this race highlights how important it is we work together to care for this species," Dr Mike James, director of science for the Canadian Sea Turtles Network, said in a release.

The leatherbacks have each been satellite-tagged by Canadian Sea Turtles Network in Halifax to monitor their progress, which people can do online at greatturtlerace.org. METRO CANADA

News in brief

CAW The Canadian Auto Workers union must accept concessions of $19 an hour to enable Chrysler to seal an alliance with Fiat, or Canada may have no choice but to cut the automaker's lifeline, federal Industry Minister Tony Clement said Thursday.

ONTARIO A man who passed himself off as an international entertainment executive while preying on female job applicants has been sentenced to five years in prison. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Former Indonesian president's libel suit win against Time reversed

Indonesia's Supreme Court has reversed a $93 million US libel ruling against Time magazine over a story about ex-president Suharto. A May 1999 cover story alleged that Suharto and his family had amassed a fortune of around $15 billion, including $9 billion transferred via Switzerland to an Austrian bank account. REUTERS

World

WTC rebuilding on hold

The owners of the former site of New York's World Trade Center towers, pictured left, have proposed indefinitely putting off two of three planned new office towers at the site until the real estate market recovers, officials familiar with the negotiations said. One analysis predicts that the last of the towers won't be finished until 2030. REUTERS

Obama backs Mexico's drug cartel crackdown

In his second major trip abroad as U.S. president, Barack Obama pledged his support Thursday for the Mexican government's fight against drug cartels waging turf wars along the border.

Obama, who made his first major foray onto the international stage in Europe earlier this month, offered Mexican President Felipe Calderon a partnership in his efforts to combat drug gangs.

"At a time when the Mexican government has so courageously taken on the drug cartels that have plagued both sides of the borders, it is absolutely critical that the United States joins as a full partner in dealing with this issue," Obama said.

Obama will push the U.S. Senate to ratify a treaty that will reduce the flow of arms and ammunition to drug cartels in Latin America, a senior U.S. official said.

The Obama administration is tightening security at the U.S.-Mexico border to prevent trafficking of guns, and hopes to provide Black Hawk helicopters to boost Calderon's efforts.

REUTERS

Deadly shootout

- About a dozen people died in a shootout in Mexico between soldiers and suspected drug traffickers ahead of Obama's visit to discuss the drug war.

Obama shields CIA interrogators

CIA personnel who used waterboarding on terrorism suspects will not face prosecution, U.S. President Barack Obama said Thursday, while releasing Bush-era memos saying the practice did not constitute torture.

Obama said he was unwilling to prosecute CIA personnel who followed in good faith the Bush administration, which cleared techniques like waterboarding, sleep deprivation, and putting insects in with a confined prisoner. REUTERS

China **Pumping up the navy**

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Paramilitary policemen take part in an anti-terrorism drill at a military base in Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui region Thursday. China will accelerate development of warships, stealth submarines and long-range missiles as the country makes a stronger navy a priority.

News in brief

BOLIVIA Security forces said they thwarted an assassination plot against President Evo Morales Thursday, killing three people in a half-hour shootout. Two Hungarians and a Bolivian, who were believed to be part of a conspiracy to kill Morales, were killed in the gunfight at a hotel in the city of Santa Cruz.

SCIENCE A colony of iron-breathing microbes has survived for millions of years under an Antarctic glacier, thriving without air or sunlight, researchers reported Thursday. REUTERS

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Screening rates for chlamydia, a sexually transmitted disease, rose to nearly 42 per cent in 2007, but that's still far too few being screened, U.S. researchers said. REUTERS

U.S. security chief draws ire

U.S. domestic security chief Janet Napolitano sought Thursday to clear up a flap over her office's warning that some military veterans risk joining right-wing extremist groups.

Napolitano's Department of Homeland Security drew criticism from Republicans for saying in a report last week that military veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan could be recruitment targets for the right-wing groups.

The report said those veterans having trouble finding jobs or settling back into civilian society could in particular be targeted for recruiting.

Some Republicans reacted with outrage when the report leaked this week. John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican leader in the House, called it "offensive and unacceptable" to suggest that some veterans defending the country are "potential terrorists."

Napolitano said on NBC's Today show that the report was an assessment, not an accusation.

"I really do want to stress to the veterans out there watching this today, that report did not, and we do not mean to suggest that veterans as a whole are at risk of becoming violent extremists," she said. REUTERS

Georgia **Tiring protest**

DAVID MDZINARISHVILI/REUTERS

Demonstrators sit at a protest in Tbilisi Thursday. Georgia's president claims Russia is backing a campaign calling for his ouster.

Quake hits Afghanistan

DAMAGE Dozens of people were feared dead and scores of houses destroyed by an earthquake in eastern Afghanistan early on Friday, villagers and a Reuters eyewitness said.

A Reuters Television cameraman in the village of Mir Gadkhel, about 45 kilometres west of Jalalabad, said villagers were scrambling through rubble of flattened houses to recover bodies and rescue the injured after the quake, which struck before dawn.

The U.S. Geological Survey said a 5.5 magnitude quake hit the area early on Friday, followed by a 5.1 aftershock. REUTERS

News in brief

GAZA An Israeli air strike destroyed a house in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip Thursday, but no one was injured.

ITALY Those made homeless by Italy's recent earthquake will be moved from tents to housing before autumn. REUTERS

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Just go online at **www.elections.bc.ca** or call toll-free **1-800-661-8683** until April 21, 2009.
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Referendum On Electoral Reform
In addition to an election ballot, voters will also receive a ballot to vote in the referendum on electoral reform.

Which electoral system should British Columbia use to elect members to the provincial Legislative Assembly?
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For more information on the referendum on electoral reform, visit the Referendum Information Office website at **www.BCreferendum2009.ca**
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There are many voting opportunities in B.C. Here are some of your options:
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General Voting Available to all voters. Voters can attend any general voting location from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time), Tuesday, May 12, 2009.
Other Voting Options If you are going to be away or some other circumstance prevents you from voting at advance voting or general voting, you can vote in any district electoral office from when the election is called on Tuesday, April 14 to 4 p.m. (Pacific time) on Tuesday, May 12. You can also request a vote-by-mail package from your district electoral office or through the Elections BC website at **www.elections.bc.ca**

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Deadlines For Nominations
Nominations must be delivered to the District Electoral Officer between the time the election is called on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 and 1 p.m. (Pacific time) on Friday, April 24, 2009.

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Losing my faith in Afghanistan clerics

Mona Eltahawy
Global View

When Taliban gunmen shot dead prominent women's rights activist Sitara Achakzai in Kandahar last Sunday, they had nothing to hide. It was broad daylight after all.

To further underline that bloody message of hatred for women, a Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility for the murder.

Clearly, misogyny has married impunity and the Taliban — ousted from power in 2001 — is, once more, terrorizing the women of its country.

Achakzai's assassination was but the latest in a series of murders targeted at women's rights activists. Under almost identical circumstances, Taliban gunmen in September killed the highest-ranking female police officer in Kandahar, Lt.-Col. Malalai Kakar.

Such murders are just the most visible signs of the violence meted out to the girls and women of Afghanistan. Just last month, the United Nations warned in its annual human rights report that Afghan women's rights were little better today than they were during the brutal reign of the ultra-conservative Taliban.

Girls as young as seven are targets of rape, while other females suffer "honour killings," early and forced marriages, sexual abuse and slavery, the UN report said.

Obviously, in the absence of rule of law everyone is vulnerable in Afghanistan. But girls and women are on the bottom of everyone's lists. President Hamid Karzai was forced to reconsider his signature on a law allowing marital rape after an international outcry earlier this month. Hardline clerics seem hell-bent on justifying the most heinous of acts in the name of Islam.

When the president is willing to sell women out and when those who claim to be the gatekeepers of God give sanction to such selling out, it is not difficult to understand why the Taliban's hate for women gets a free ride.

We hear a lot about the need to talk to the Taliban to end fighting in Afghanistan. Such a conversation must not happen at the expense of Afghan girls and women.

I am a Muslim woman who is fed up of those leaders and clerics who claim to speak in the name of my religion and yet who ignore its message of justice and equality. They are just as much to blame as the gunmen who shot Achakzai and Kakar.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.

Views

What will our city look like 20 years from now?

UrbanCompass

This month marks the 20th anniversary of my move from Toronto to Vancouver, trading the dirt and ice of late winter for a riot of sunshine and blossoms.

Talk about Lotus Land: city crews with blowers blew thick blankets of petals off the sidewalks and I walked around in a daze of cherry blossoms, magnolias, daffodils, tulips, camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas.

After Toronto, Vancouver seemed like a West Coast Theme Park, with the Forest Ride, the Ocean Ride and the Mountain Ride. Everywhere I went, there were marvels: snow-capped peaks minutes from downtown, sandy beaches, giant trees, and critters you don't often see in a city: seals, herons, eagles.

What a beautiful place, I thought.

After a while, I began to notice something else. The downtown, especially down-at-heels sections along False Creek and Yaletown, were plastered with development application signs. Promising one 35- to 40-storey building after another.

Looking back, I have to smile, as I simply didn't believe it. I thought post-Expo enthusiasm would die down, and Vancouver would lapse into its natural groove as a place where the glistening waters of English Bay were full of sailboats at 2:30 in the afternoon, and people sauntered down Georgia.

But I was wrong. Every one of those 40-storey condos was built, and then some. Every square inch of the core has been redeveloped since I got here, and SkyTrain has allowed the high-rise virus to extend into Burnaby, Coquitlam and beyond.

After a pause for breath in the '90s, we're into another frenzy of development leading up to the 2010 Olympics, and I'm beginning to wonder two things: Will we ever be done? What have we done?

Let's be frank. We will never again be that laid-back little slice of heaven from 1989. I'm an optimist, so I have faith we will be able to overcome our world-class challenges: gridlock and gangs, the loss of decent, affordable housing and the intangible friendliness that's running out of room to bloom.

We can do it, but only if we remember what we've got, and don't let greed overwhelm good sense. This is still the best place on Earth, but what will it be … 20 years from now?

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Rogers opposes TV carriage fees
Rogers Communications Inc. has launched its latest salvo in the battle over television carriage fees, accusing conventional broadcasters of fear-mongering with their plans to shutter or sell some local stations. A proposal suggests charging cable and satellite companies a fee to carry the signals of over-the-air broadcasters. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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More housing now in reach

But weak jobs market, income growth may slow sales: RBC

Thanks largely to record-low interest rates, Canadian housing has become more affordable, though slowing income growth and a weak jobs market will act as a restraint, says a Royal Bank report.

The rise in housing affordability has reversed a four-year trend from 2004 to late 2007 that saw houses priced out of the reach of many first-time buyers, RBC says.

Lower mortgage rates means the RBC index fell to 51.3 in the fourth quarter of 2008 from 53.1 in the previous quarter.

The higher the index measure, the more difficult it is to afford a house. A rating of 51.3 means it takes 51.3 per cent of pre-tax household income to afford a home.

Hope for spring

- Affordability has been a big plus for the spring resale market. The Canadian Real Estate Board reported Thursday existing home sales in March were down 13.7 per cent from a year earlier, but the decline has slowed significantly.

Affordability will likely have improved in the first quarter of 2009 because interest rates and prices have fallen further. But a tough jobs market and slow income growth are strong mitigating factors.

More than 60,000 jobs were lost in March, bumping the national unemployment rate to eight per cent. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bankruptcies up 22%

NUMBERS Insolvencies nationwide took another big jump in February, according to figures released Thursday from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

There were 9,495 personal and business bankruptcies across the country in February, up 13.1 per cent from the prior month, and a jump of 22.1 per cent from February 2008.

The vast majority — 9,020 of them — are consumer bankruptcies.

"Unfortunately it doesn't surprise me. With the state of the economy and so many people maxed out, they're right at their limit, they just have no leeway for any change," said Sandra Sherk, executive director of the non-profit Credit Counselling Service of Durham Region.

"With the state of the economy and so many people maxed out, they're right at their limit, they just have no leeway."
Sandra Sherk, Credit Counselling Service of Durham Region

The insolvency figures also show across the country the number of bankruptcy proposals is up sharply.

Proposals rose 18.5 per cent to 2,825 in February from the month before. Compared to February, 2008, the increase is a staggering 37.5 per cent. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Business in brief

PROTECTION AbitibiBowater Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States Thursday, as it failed to secure support for its proposed restructuring plan.

PANEL U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wants to create a special panel to investigate the causes of the Wall Street meltdown, a spokesman said Thursday. **REUTERS**

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Risebrough out in Minnesota
Minnesota Wild majority owner Craig Leipold announced Thursday that the team will not renew the contract of president and general manager Doug Risebrough. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Madden calls it quits

John Madden, the former coach who has been one of the NFL's most popular broadcast analysts for three decades, is retiring. Madden has worked for CBS and FOX, and been on NBC the past three seasons. His last telecast was the Super Bowl between Arizona and Pittsburgh. His Madden NFL Football is also the top-selling sports video game of all time. Cris Collinsworth will replace him in NBC's booth. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Friday's game

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Vancouver has won four straight games dating back to the regular season, the past three by a single goal. St Louis has not lost back-to-back games in regulation since Jan. 13.

TIME TO KILL: The officiating left a lot to be desired in Game 1, but Vancouver's penalty kill was superb. After allowing one goal in seven opportunities on Wednesday, the Canucks have killed off 35 of their last 38 penalties.

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Refs need to shape up

It's a Canadian birthright to complain about officiating in hockey, but what transpired in Game 1 between the Blues and Canucks cannot be allowed to continue.

Teams fight too hard for too long to have the results potentially tainted by unsatisfactory refereeing. That's not to say that Dan O'Halloran and Chris Lee were in error on every infraction, but the inconsistency that permeated the series opener was unacceptable.

Games are decided by the slimmest of margins in this age of parity among teams, and too many unsubstantiated calls compromise the integrity of the outcome.

No one is suggesting that we revert to a time when a penalty is only awarded once a stretcher makes an appearance, but power plays need not be handed out like election flyers.

ToulBox

Scott Rintoul

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• Applause is in order for the Vancouver Giants after outlasting the Spokane Chiefs to advance to the third round of the WHL playoffs. In the past four years, the Giants have won a Memorial Cup, a WHL championship and a total of 10 playoff series. Owner Ron Toigo, GM Scott Bonner and coach Don Hay are to be commended, as those feats rarely happen in junior hockey because of yearly roster turnover. The Giants open the third round tomorrow at the Pacific Coliseum against the Kelowna Rockets.

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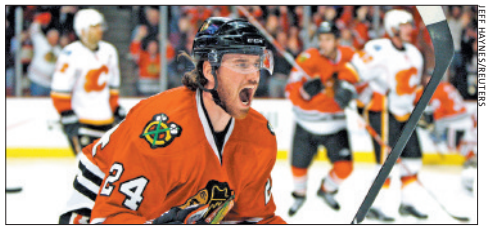
Havlat sinks Flames

Martin Havlat scored the tying goal in the latter stages of the third period, then netted the game-winner only 12 seconds into overtime to lift the Chicago Blackhawks to a 3-2 win over the Calgary Flames in the opener of their best-of-seven Western Conference quarter-final series at Chicago's United Center.



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Chicago Blackhawk Martin Havlat celebrates after he scored 12 seconds into the overtime against the Calgary Flames Thursday.

Cam Barker also scored for the fourth-seeded Blackhawks, who saw their first playoff action since 2002. Captain Jonathan Toews was stellar in the win with an assist on Barker's goal, strong forechecking and several key faceoff wins. Nikolai Khabibulin made 23 saves in the win.

David Moss and Mike Cammalleri scored for the Flames, who faded down the stretch of the regular season and dropped their playoff opener despite outplaying the Blackhawks for most of the contest.

RED WINGS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1

Johan Franzen and Jiri Hudler posted a goal and an assist each as the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings notched a 4-1 win over Columbus in Game 1 of their best-of-seven Western Conference quarter-final series at Joe Louis Arena.

Chris Osgood made 20 saves, 13 of them coming amid a spirited effort from Columbus in a scoreless first period.

BRUINS 4, CANADIENS 2

Phil Kessel registered two goals and helped set up another one as the Boston Bruins doubled up the Montreal Canadiens, 4-2, in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final matchup in Boston.

With the score deadlocked at two, Montreal defenceman Josh Gorges committed an ill-timed cross-checking penalty just past the midway point of the third period.

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Garnett out for NBA playoffs?

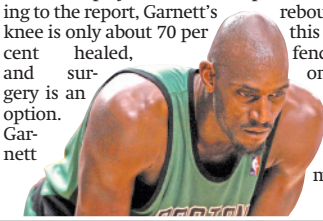
NBA Playoffs

Eastern Conference
- Cleveland (1) vs. Detroit (8), Game 1 Saturday
- Boston (2) vs. Chicago (7), Game 1 Saturday
- Orlando (3) vs. Philadelphia (6), Game 1 Saturday
- Atlanta (4) vs. Miami (5), Game 1 Sunday

Western Conference
- L.A. Lakers (1) vs. Utah (8), Game 1 Sunday
- Denver (2) vs. New Orleans (7), Game 1 Sunday
- San Antonio (3) vs. Dallas (6), Game 1 Saturday
- Portland (4) vs. Houston (5), Game 1 Saturday

Boston Celtics head coach Doc Rivers has said star forward Kevin Garnett might not be available for the entire playoffs.

The Boston Globe is reporting that Garnett will definitely be out for the first-round series against Chicago and most likely for the entire playoffs. According to the report, Garnett's knee is only about 70 per cent healed, and surgery is an option. Garnett was having difficulty running in Wednesday morning's practice due to his injured right knee. Rivers said that Garnett will continue to get treatment and if it goes well he might be able to return to play later in the playoffs.



Garnett averaged 15.8 points and a team-best 8.5 rebounds in 57 games this season for the defending NBA champions. Still with the Celtics, GM Danny Ainge was hospitalized Thursday after suffering a mild heart attack.

Denis Kang on card at UFC 97

UFC 97 In an explosive matchup and what could be the last fight of his UFC career, Chuck Liddell fights Mauricio (Shogun) Rua, while UFC middleweight champion Anderson Silva takes on Thales Leites this Saturday at UFC 97 in Montreal. North Vancouver's Denis Kang fights Xavier Foupa-Pokam in an undercard. METRO NEWS SERVICES

UFC 97 Montreal
Fight cards
- Silva vs. Leites
- Liddell vs. Rua
- Stann vs. Soszynski
- Cane vs. Cantwell
- Kongo vs. Hardonk
- Marshall vs. Magalhaes
- Kang* vs. Foupa-Pokam
- Loiseau vs. Herman
- Bielkheden vs. Bocek
- Chonan vs. Grant*
- MacDonald* vs. Quarry
- Stout vs. Wiman

** – Canadian fighter*

Sports in brief

NCAA UBC will wait until at least next year before deciding if it will join the U.S. NCAA Division II. The NCAA opened membership outside the U.S. in January as a pilot project with Canadian schools. A report by UBC was not for or against joining the NCAA.

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Clever writing keeps Play in game

State of Play
Director: Kevin MacDonald
Stars: Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If you want to make a suspenseful journalism-based drama wrapped in plenty of political intrigue, an obvious place to start is with clever writing. That is just what director Kevin Macdonald did with his new thriller State of Play.

In his fictional follow-up to The Last King of Scotland, Macdonald perfectly casts Russell Crowe as Cal McAffrey, a shaggy, junk food-devouring journalist who slowly connects the dots to a series of seemingly unrelated events — including the mysterious death of the mistress of a former-college roommate/now-star Congressman (Ben Affleck).

Russell Crowe, Rachel McAdams and Helen Mirren, left, star in State of Play.

Taking an eager cub reporter (Rachel McAdams) under his wing, McAffrey slowly uncovers a conspiracy that begins with a pair of senseless junkie-thieves but ends up involving a huge Blackwater-like corporation dealing in wartime defence contracts.

Yes, there's much in the middle but who am I to spoil the plot for you?

Following in the footsteps of fact-based dramas like All the President's Men, Play is full of labyrinthine complications that have great potential to lose audiences.

Instead, Macdonald keeps the pace quick and the characters broad enough to make the thriller accessibly appealing. It doesn't hurt that he also hired a terrific supporting cast that notably includes Jason Bateman as a priggish pansexual publicist.

However the real key to this film's success was nabbing such acclaimed scribes as Tony Gilroy (Duplicity) and Billy Ray (Breach) to compact the successful BBC six-hour mini-series into a gripping two-hour popcorn flick. Trust me, that job couldn't have been easy to do.

Also opening

• Also hitting theatres this weekend is Crank: High Voltage. For a review of the film, visit metronews.ca/movies on Sunday, or read Monday's issue of Metro.

Efron proves he can carry a movie in 17

17 Again
Director: Burr Steers
Stars: Zac Efron, Matthew Perry
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

REVIEW In his first major starring role outside the High School Musical franchise, Zac Efron is looking to prove that he's more than just a pretty face, that he can carry a movie.

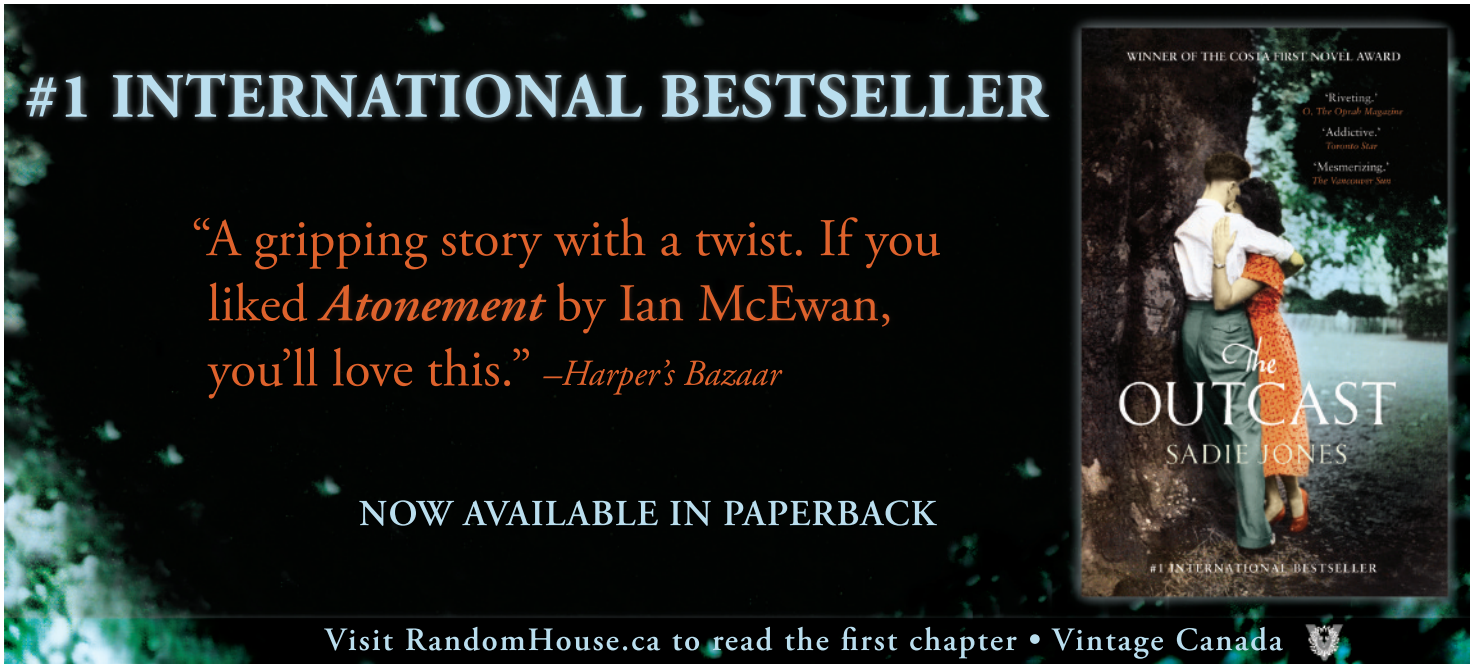
And he very well might be able to, if the movie in question didn't spend so much time trying to make that point. There's a certain "Hey look, he's doing it!" aspect to 17 Again that can get in the way of the movie itself.

Taking a page more from It's a Wonderful Life than Vice Versa, 17 Again follows Mike O'Donnell (played as an adult by Matthew Perry), who tossed away a chance at college basketball glory to be with his knocked-up high school girlfriend. To Mike, it's been downhill since then, and he'd give anything to do it all over again.

That's when, through a bit of hocus pocus, Mike is transformed back to his 17-year-old self (Efron), only it's still present day, so suddenly he's going to high school with his teenage children.

To add a boost of comic support, Efron has as a sidekick Thomas Lennon, from MTV's cult classic The State and more recently Reno 911. As Mike's nerdy and now-rich lifelong friend, Lennon displays his usual knack for mixing sweet and creepy to hilarious effect. And his courtship of the school's principal (Melora Hardin of The Office) steals some of the movie's biggest laughs.

Zac Efron, left, undertakes his first major role outside of the High School Musical franchise in 17 Again.



Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Character channelling

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Robert Downey Jr., right, starts in the upcoming film The Soloist.

Movie **feature**

Although he's spent years as a columnist for the Los Angeles Times and he turned his experiences with a homeless, mentally ill Juilliard dropout into a bestselling book, Steve Lopez isn't used to being the focus of attention.

So imagine how uncomfortable he found it to have a celebrated Hollywood actor asking to rifle through his closet.

But that's just the situation he found himself in, as Robert Downey Jr., cast to play him in the film adaptation of his book The Soloist, was looking for some way to connect to Lopez as a character.

"He said, 'I need some piece of you. Can I go through your closet?'" Lopez remembers. "He said it so many times, I started to be a little concerned with what he was really up to."

When asked about the odd request, Downey demurs. "You're supposing that he let me into his closet," the actor says. "He never even dignified it with a response." In fact, according to Downey, Lopez spurned all attempts at close study.

"He wanted to tell me that to impersonate him would be to do a disservice to the movie," Downey says.

Or, as Lopez puts it, "I was a little concerned that if he played me, this would be a really boring movie. But I felt a little silly telling Robert how to think about approaching a role, because he's a great actor."

But Downey, who's famously portrayed well-known faces from both real life (Chaplin) and fiction (Iron Man) found it just as much of a challenge to portray a man that the vast majority of moviegoers had no familiarity with.

"They're all similar in that there's no way you can't go wrong if you don't know what you're doing, and it's very hard to not go right if your heart's in the right place," he says.

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Movies

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Larter plays Obsessed

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Ali Larter may act deluded in her latest thriller Obsessed but she has no delusions about society's obsession with celebrity.

"It's part of what comes in our business," admitted the actress recently. "The hardest part for most actors is having to deal with the paparazzi and kind of how fans can sometimes take a moment too far.

"But the other end of it is that we've chosen these careers and when you put yourself in the public eye, there's a certain amount of responsibility that comes with it."

While the 33-year-old star of TV's Heroes has mostly avoided the tabloid trappings of many other young actresses, Larter still dislikes the paparazzi — but for a reason you might not expect.

"Just always having to be on is, for me, the most difficult part," admitted Larter. "I don't want to have to get ready before I leave my house ... who wants to worry about that when they go to the grocery store? I just want to go peruse heirloom tomatoes and not worry about a paparazzi jumping out from the bananas."

Ali Larter stars as a women stalking a married man in the thriller Obsessed, which hits theatres next Friday.

While Obsessed (in theatres next Friday) may not directly deal with celebrity stalking, it does take a look at one woman's crazed obsession with a married man (Idris Elba) and how she sets out to sabotage his marriage to a less-than-complacent wife (Beyoncé Knowles).

"I didn't play her as a stalker. I think of it as a woman who fell in love," said Larter. "For me, it was important to understand the clues into her psychosis and what happened to her to make her believe the things that this man said are true so hopefully the audience is going to go on that journey with me."

For those who do take the film's journey, it means catching a predicament most paparazzi would kill to witness in person — an all-out catfight between Larter and Knowles.

"She's stunningly beautiful," said Larter of the pop star. "One of my favorite moments is having Beyoncé charge at me. How many people get to have that happen in their life?"

Movie **feature**

Sugar is sweet cinema

Sugar
Director: Ryan Fleck, Ann Boden
Stars: Perez Soto
Classification: STC
Rating: ½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Perez Soto stars in Sugar.

REVIEW As sweet a cinematic experience as the deceptively simple title suggests, Sugar, the new film from Half Nelson creators Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden, is the kind of picture that restores your faith in indie filmmaking.

Real life Dominican ball player Alegnis Perez Soto plays Miguel (Sugar) Santos, a poor but happy lad who's blessed with a killer curve ball and who has long been groomed to forge a career in Major League Baseball.

Travelling to Iowa and making a splash in the minors, Sugar wrestles with loneliness, self-esteem, problems with English and eventually game-inflicted injury while desperately trying to adapt to the pressure of playing organized sports.

His travails eventually lead him to New York City where he learns to live on his own for the first time, lost in a world that he barely understands.

Everything about Sugar works, from the performances (Perez Soto, in his first acting role is mesmerizing) to the breathtaking cinematography (by Half Nelson's Andrij Parekh) to the moving ambient score (courtesy of Into The Wild's Michael Brook).

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Earth for Disney is directed by Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield, the same filmmakers who helmed the much acclaimed BBC documentary series Planet Earth.

Earth in action

Doc on planet gets up close and personal

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22
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The BBC series Planet Earth is one of the most remarkable pieces of documentary filmmaking ever produced. Working with groundbreaking high definition cameras and a massive worldwide crew, the series captured remarkable images of nature that have been thrilling audiences since it premiered in 2006.

The breathtaking images worked fine on TV, but occasionally the show felt so large in scale that it demanded a larger canvas. Fortunately, Planet Earth co-directors Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield felt the same way and simultaneously shot a feature film entitled Earth for Disney, while they were filming the series for the BBC.

"The two projects were commissioned simultaneously, so we literally began both at exactly the same time," says co-director Alastair Fothergill. "To make a movie on the scale of Earth with all the locations and all the difficult behaviour, the budget would have been astronomical.

"So by working the two budgets in parallel, both projects benefited a great deal. We think that they're wonderful companion pieces partly because the big screen and the surround sound offers an experience so much richer than what you'd get on even a high definition television."

Linfield also felt that there were benefits to gearing Earth towards the big screen that just couldn't be achieved in the BBC series.

"The great thing about a movie is that you've got 85 minutes of people's uninterrupted attention and that allows you to design a very different storyline. We crafted a storyline for the film with three main characters (polar bears, elephants, and humpback whales), whereas the television series was habitat based.

The scale of the project was gigantic — over three years and 2,000 days of filming — but the message is surprisingly intimate, highlighting the natural beauty and tight-knit relationships that connect all species on the planet.

As Linfield puts it, "Amongst all the bad news we really hope that people will feel that Earth is a celebration of our planet and visual evidence of the fact that there's still plenty left to fight for."

Opening day

- Earth opens on Wednesday — Earth Day — in theatres across Canada.

Ferrell takes to the Wild in guest TV stint

PEOPLE Will Ferrell is roughing it as a guest star on an episode of the popular reality series Man vs. Wild.

The early June instalment of the Discovery Channel show — a tie-in to the June 5 release of Ferrell's new film, Land of the Lost — features Man vs. Wild star Bear Grylls taking Ferrell through the paces of survival in northern Sweden's ice-bound mountain ranges.

The two tandem-abseil off a helicopter, rappel down hundred-foot frozen waterfalls and build a shelter to stay warm overnight in subzero temperatures.

Grylls shows Ferrell what it takes to find food in the icy coniferous forests as they climb trees, improvise snow shoes from saplings, drink their own urine and eat reindeer eyeballs.

"Will did an amazing job in subzero, very unforgiving conditions," Grylls said. "He should be very proud of how he performed."

Added Ferrell, "To be able to participate in an episode of Man vs. Wild was a thrill of a lifetime, even though I did get urine-drunk, which is sad." REUTERS

Green Lantern going down under
Martin Campbell's superhero flick, based on the DC comic about an ordinary man who is transformed into a hero when he wields an all-powerful ring, will shoot at Fox Studios Australia beginning in July. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Banks limp tale of aimless youth

The Education of Charlie Banks

Director: Fred Durst
Stars: Jesse Eisenberg, Jason Ritter, Christopher Marquette
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Ten years ago no one would have predicted that the frontman for Limp Bizkit would become a filmmaker. Somehow Fred Durst — the man who crafted the artful lyrics to Nookie — is now two movies into his directorial career.

Following last year's female football film The Longshots, audiences are finally being treated to Durst's debut The Education Of Charlie Banks. The movie won an award at the 2007 Tribeca Film Festival, but hasn't been released until now.

Contrary to what you might expect, it's actually a very quiet coming of age story … just not a particularly good one.

The film is about the painfully middleclass Charlie (Jesse Eisenberg), who was so terrified of the local bully Mick (Jason Ritter) that he reported him to the police in high school.

Years later, Charlie is in university and Mick comes to visit. Now cultured, Charlie is popular amongst his collegiate peers and Mick can't quite fit in with the rich kids … well except for with the ladies of course (Aw shucks. Will geeks ever get the girl?).

The movie wants to be an allegorical tale of class conflict and the bittersweet beauty of aimless youth, but the filmmakers can't revive the well-worn territory.

Peter Elkoff's script gets away with a few of its clichés through earnestness, but not nearly enough to work.

A scene from The Education of Charlie Banks.

Durst is surprisingly adept in the director's chair, avoiding the gratuitous flashiness one might expect from someone schooled in music videos. The guy might even have a decent movie in him one day with less pretentious material.

A scene from Tulpan, a film by Russian director Sergei Dvortsevoy.

A lyrical tale from Kazakhstan

Tulpan

Director: Sergei Dvortsevoy
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW The lines between fact and fiction become blurred and intertwined in Tulpan, a quasi-documentary meditation on life in rural Kazakhstan from Russian director Sergei Dvortsevoy.

And while it's not really a film driven by plot and it's certainly not for all tastes, there is lyrical pulse and urgency in the picture that cannot be denied.

Tulpan tells the meandering tale of Asa, a sailor and a dreamer who pines for a simple but prosperous future as a shepherd in the desert. But in order to realize this humble but none too easily obtained way of life — and indeed inherit a flock of sheep from his generous brother-in-law — he must first find a wife.

The only eligible bachelorette around however is Tulpan, who keeps herself well hidden from the foolish Asa (for some reason, he courts her by relating a ridiculous story of octopus wrestling) and makes it clear that she has no interest whatsoever in marrying the lover-starved sailor. Tulpan becomes his El Dorado, his unreachable goal, the key to a dream that has little chance of materializing.

Dvortsevoy is a documentary filmmaker by trade and Tulpan is brimming with startling scenes of natural beauty, arid vistas, charming, unfettered performances by local nonactors and a centerpiece scene that is nothing short of arresting.

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Patrick Wilson joins Morning Glory

With shooting scheduled to start in New York next month, the already heavyweight cast of Morning Glory has gained another talented actor, with Patrick Wilson signing up for the Paramount comedy. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden. The legendary metal band's new documentary Iron Maiden: Flight 666 will be screening in Canadian theatres starting next week.

Iron Maiden doc one for metal fans

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

When you stick the word heavy beside the word metal, two words immediately follow by association: Iron and Maiden.

The veteran British rock band has long both ruled and defined heavy metal music for almost three decades, belting out dark, punishing bombast with operatic flair.

And, as the new SXSW award winning concert film/documentary Iron Maiden: Flight 666 — screening across Canada and the world next Tuesday — proves, the band's global popularity is stronger today than it's ever been.

The movie is written and directed by Toronto-based metalheads Sam Dunn and Scot McFadyen (the same longhaired pair who previously spat out the cult favorite documentaries Metal: A Headbangers Journey and Global Metal) and follows the events surrounding the band's massive (and massively ambitious) 2008 Somewhere Back in Time world tour.

Devised by vocalist Bruce Dickinson as a way to replicate the look and sound of Iron Maiden's legendary shows of the 1980s, the band climbed into a private Boeing 757 jet dubbed "Ed Force One" (after their omnipresent rotting zombie mascot, whose name is Eddie) and, with Dickinson himself serving as pilot, played 23 concerts in five continents over the span of just 45 days.

With the band granting the filmmakers all access to their world both behind and in front of the scenes, Flight 666 functions as a fascinating — and often, quite funny — document of these aging but still agile monsters of rock in action.

And for those younger Maiden fans who've never had the chance to experience the thundering assault of their live show, Flight 666 makes you feel like you're actually there, pumping your fist to Run to the Hills in the heated crush of a Brazilian mosh pit.

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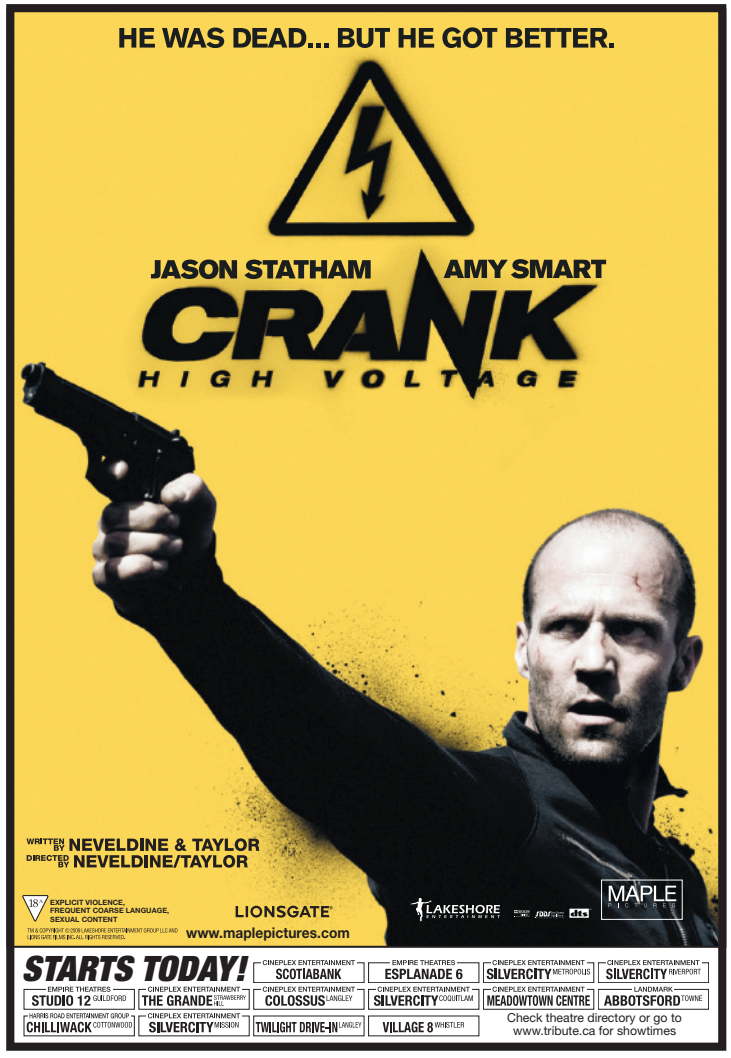

Slumdog producers reach out to Mumbai children
The producers of Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire have announced they will donate more than $740,000 US to create a five-year program aimed at providing healthcare and education for children in Mumbai. PEOPLE.COM

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High school days, there and back

In 17 Again a mysterious angel asks Matthew Perry if he would be happy turning back the clock, literally going back in time to high school. "Of course I want to live in the past," he says, "it was better there."

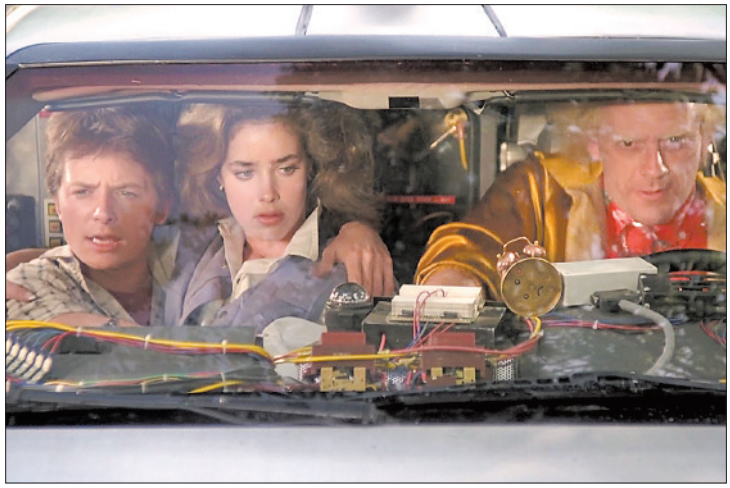
Was it really, Matthew?

Often Hollywood romanticizes high school, forgetting that for 98 per cent of us it was a gruelling experience. Here's a list of keywords that popped up when I let my mind drift back to the dark days of secondary education: acne, the strap, swirlies, girls that didn't look like Vanessa Hudgens or Ashley Tisdale, smelly lockers, pop quizzes and bullies who thought wedgies were the funniest thing since Woody Allen discovered neurosis.

You couldn't pay me to relive my teen years, but for decades Hollywood screen writers have been fixated on sending people who survived high school (and all the torments listed above) back into the fray as a way of re-examining their lives.

17 Again gets considerable mileage from Zac Efron (as a 37 year-old man in a teenager's body) trying to navigate the treacherous waters of high school life. Of course in the end he does alright, because, well, he's Zac Efron and anyone so impeccably coiffed, so perfectly sculpted is probably going to be able to sidestep the pitfalls of hallway culture, but it's not always easy heading back to class.

Take for instance Back to the Future. When Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) time travels 30 years from 1985 to 1955 he accidentally prevents his parents from meeting, and jeopardizes his own future. Worse than that, he has to deal with bullies who stuff him in the trunk of a car and the mind-bending idea that his future mother "has the hots" for him.


Back to the Future, starring Michael J. Fox, left, is one of the most successful Hollywood examples of time travelling back to high school on the silver screen.

George Burns doesn't have it much easier in 18 Again. After swapping bodies with his teenaged nephew (Charlie Schlatter) he discovers how tough the younger man has it in school — he's bullied by his schoolmates and track coach and ignored by the girl of his dreams. Based on Burns' 1980 country hit single I Wish I Was 18 Again, this one is more punishing than spending Saturday detention with Emilio Estevez.

It's not all high school horror, however. In Vice Versa, (another of the age switcheroo movies from the late 1980s along with Big, 18 Again and the atrocious Like Father, Like Son) father and son Judge Reinhold and Fred Savage's minds magically enter each other's bodies, causing them to swap identities.

This time the father (in his son's body) uses his business smarts to outwit school yard bullies and finish an exam in only three minutes.

Now that's the way to go through high school.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Extra Large Shorts (STC) Sat 7:30
Journey Into Amazing Caves (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Roving Mars (G) Fri 11-3 Sat-Sun 11-3-5 Mon-Thu 11-3 Fri 7:30
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4 Fri-Sat 8:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-4-6
Space Station 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2-5
U2 3D (G) Fri-Sun 8
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

17 Again (PG) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Gomorrah (Italian w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:35
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:30
Sin Nombre (Spanish w/e.s.t) (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:10-9:15
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:10-7:05-9:10
Two Lovers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:20

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri 7:05 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:05 Mon-Thu 6:05
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1-4:25-8 Mon-Thu 8
Fanboys (PG) Fri-Sun 7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:45
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:20
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
The International (14A) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 6-8:35
The Necessities of Life (PG) Fri-Sun 9:40 Mon-Thu 8:40
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

Once (PG) Fri 9:40 Sat-Sun 3:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 9:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Fast & Furious (14A) DTS Digital Fri 7:15-9:50 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:50 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8:15
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:30 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5-8
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:15-7:45

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

Ivan the Terrible, Part II (STC) Sat-Mon 9:25
Ivan the Terrible, Part One (STC) Sat-Mon 7:30
Tokyo! (STC) Wed-Thu 7-9:10
Who Does She Think She Is? (STC) Fri 7:30 Sat 2
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (STC) Sun 1

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Earth (G) Wed-Thu 4-7-9
Shall We Kiss? (French w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4-7-9:15 Mon-Tue 4-7-9:15

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

The Case for Israel (STC) Sun 4
The Pool (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4-7-9 Sat 2-4-7-9 Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Baraka (STC) Tue-Wed 7
Cheech and Chong's Up in Smoke (STC) Thu 8
From Beyond (STC) Fri
A Hard Day's Night (STC) Sat 9
Koyaanisqatsi (STC) Tue-Wed 9
Re-Animator (STC) Fri 12

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50
Adventureland (14A) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:40-7:50-10:25 Thu 12:45-3:40-10:25
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-7:10
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:10-6:50-9:40 Thu 12:15-3:10-9:40
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:30-10:10
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:45-9:20
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 1:30-4:15-8:10-10:30 Sat 4:15-8:10-10:30 Sun-Tue 1:30-4:15-8:10-10:30 Wed 1:30-4:15-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:15-8:10-10:30
Iron Maiden: Flight 666 (PG) Tue 7
Knowing (14A) Fri 1:20-4:10-7:40-10:20 Sat 4:10-7:40-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:40-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly Encore (STC) Sat 10
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Mon 12-2:20-4:40-7:10-9:30 Tue 12-2:20-4:40-9:30 Wed-Thu 12-2:20-4:40-7:10-9:30

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-7:05-9:30
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:35-2:55-5:7:10-9:20 No Passes Mon 12:35-2:55-5-9:20 No Passes Tue 12:35-2:55-5-7:10-9:20 No Passes Wed 12:35-2:55-5-7:10 No Passes Thu 12:35-2:55-5
Earth (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:20-2:30-4:45-7-9:15
The Education of Charlie Banks (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40
Hunger (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:25-7:50-10:15
Observe and Report (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5:10-7:35-9:50
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:55-10:25
State of Play (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:1-3:30-3-4:30-6:05-7:30-9:10:30
Sugar (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10:05
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:25-9:55
Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:05-5:20-7:40-10 Wed-Thu 10
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-4:15-7:45

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film
vifc.org

Cherry Blossoms (STC) Fri 6:30-8:45 Sun 4-6:30-8:45 Mon 6:30-8:45
The Godfather, Part II (STC) Tue-Thu 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

State of Play (PG) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-7:15-9:40 Mon-Tue 7:15-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:40
Duplicity (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35
Earth (G) Wed-Thu 7-9:15
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Tue 7-9:45
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 7:35-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:35-9:55
Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (18A) Fri 11:55
Knowing (14A) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
Observe and Report (18A) Fri 7:25-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:25-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

17 Again (PG) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Adventureland (14A) Fri 9:50 Sat-Sun 3:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 9:50
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 12:30-7 Mon-Thu 7
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 6:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly Encore (STC) Sat 10
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri 7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:2:30-4:45-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:20
State of Play (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

17 Again (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:45 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:45 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri 4:20-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:25-4:20-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:25-4:20-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 4:35-7:20-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:55 Sun 1:40-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:40 Sat 1:20-4:15-7:05-9:40 Sun 1:20-4:15-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 4:25-7:10-9:35 Sat 1:35-4:25-7:10-9:35 Sun 1:35-4:25-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10
State of Play (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7-9:50 No Passes Sat 1:15-4:10-7-9:50 No Passes Sun 1:15-4:10-7 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

17 Again (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-7:05-9:45 Thu 4-7:05-9:45 Fri-Thu 12-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Adventureland (14A) Fri 12:35-3:30-7:10-9:55 Sat 3:30-7:10-9:55 Sun-Thu 12:35-3:30-7:10-9:55
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-7:30-10:20
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:15-6:40-9:35
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:35-6:50-10:10
Earth (G) Wed-Thu 12:15-2:35-5-7:30-10
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Tue 12:20-1:20-3-4:05-6:55-7:55-9:50-10:40 Wed 12:20-3-6:55-7:55-9:50-10:40 Thu 12:20-3-6:55-9:50-10:40
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-1:45-3:40-4:45-6:45-7:35-9:30-10:05
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Tue 7:20-10:45
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Wed 1:35-4:20-7:15-10 Thu 1:35-4:20-10
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:35-10:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly Encore II (STC) Sat 10
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:05
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:30-9
Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:45
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:25
State of Play (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:50-3:55-7:10:15 No Passes Thu 3:55-7:10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:35
Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-4:10-8:05

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

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SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:30-4:55-7:30-10
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:25-4:50-7:25-10:15
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:7:05-9:35
Earth (G) Wed-Thu 12:15-2:35-5-7:30-10:10
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:50-9:40
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Wed 12:10-3:55-7:10-9:50 Thu 12:10-3:55-10:10
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:40-6:45-10:10 Mon 12:05-3:40-10:10 Tue 12:05-3:40-6:45-10:10
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:10-4:30-7-9:30
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:05-7:20-10:15
State of Play (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-6:55-10:05

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Adventureland (14A) Fri 4:55-7:25-9:45 Sat 2-4:55-7:25-9:45 Sun 2-4:55-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:25
Duplicity (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:55 Sat 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:55 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri 5-7:40-10 Sat 1:55-5-7:40-10 Sun 1:55-5-7:40 Mon-Thu 5-7:40
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 4:45-7:05-9:30 Sat 1:40-4:45-7:05-9:30 Sun 1:40-4:45-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:05
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 4:50-7:10-9:35 Sat 1:45-4:50-7:10-9:35 Sun 1:45-4:50-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4:35-7:20-9:50 Sat 1:35-4:35-7:20-9:50 Sun 1:35-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
Watchmen (18A) Fri 4:40-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

17 Again (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-1-2:45-3:45-5:25-7-7:45-9:50-10:25 Wed 12:15-2:45-3:45-5:25-7-7:45-9:50-10:25 Thu 12:15-1-2:45-3:45-5:25-7-7:45-9:50-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Adventureland (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:40-10:35
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:30-10:30
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:05-10:10
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55
Earth (G) Wed-Thu 12-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:40
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-1:05-3:05-4-7:10-7:40-10:05-10:30
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:30-5-7:30-10 Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7-9:30
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:20-7:35-10:40
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:05-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly Encore (STC) Sat 10
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3-5:30-7:50-10:20
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:40-7:20-9:25-9:45
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:25-7:05-10
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:25
State of Play (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-4:05-7:25-10:25 No Passes Wed 4:05-7:25-10:25 No Passes Thu 1-4:05-7:25-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 7:55-10:40
Watchmen (18A) Fri 1:20-5:25-9 Sat 5:25-9 Sun-Thu 1:20-5:25-9

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Coraline (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 7
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 9:20

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Coraline (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2:25-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
Duplicity (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 8:50
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Sun 2:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:15-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4:30-6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 12-4:30-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:50-9:15
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 8:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

17 Again (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05 Wed 5:05-7:35-10:05 Thu 12:15-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7:25-9:55
Earth (G) Wed-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:30-6:45-7:20-9:30-10 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-10
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-7-9:35
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:35-7:05-9:45
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:25-8:05
Knowing (14A) Fri-Wed 12:55-4:10-6:55-9:50 Thu 12:55-4:10-10:15
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Tue 1:30-4
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-4:55-7:15-9:40
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:25
State of Play (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:10 No Passes Wed 4:05-7:10-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-8

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

17 Again (PG) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:20-2-4-4:35-7:10-7:40-10:05-10:20 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:20-2-4-4:35-7:10-7:40-9:40-10:10
Adventureland (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 4:25-9:55
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:25 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:25-10:25
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:15-4:20-6:50-9:45 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:15-4:20-6:50-9:45
Earth (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:15
Fast & Furious (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:15
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:30-4:15-7-9:35 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:35-4:15-7-9:35
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:35-7:20
I Love You, Man (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:05-4:05-7:15-10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:15-10
Knowing (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:05-4:10-7:05-10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:05-10
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Billboard's top albums
1. Unstoppable, Rascal Flatts; **2.** Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus, right): **3.** The Last Kiss, Jadakiss; **4.** Wide Open, Jason Aldean; **5.** NOW 30, Various Artists. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

k-os goes back to basics

Canadian hip-hop artist crafts new beats

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

k-os has taken a step back to the basics on his fourth album Yes!

While his last release, Atlantis: Hymns For Disco, found the hip-hop artist navigating the waters of soul, rock and folk, the new disc is characterized by thoughtful yet lighthearted rhymes underscored by warm melodies — something closer to the feel of his second album, Joyful Rebellion.

k-os says the return to form came from being in transition. Finding himself between labels (he jumped from EMI to Universal) and cities (living between Toronto and Vancouver), he got back into the simple and comforting craft of making beats.

"I often do that when I'm trying to figure stuff out," he says. "And that was the whole thing that sparked the album's sound, just the fun-ness of getting on my drum machines that were collecting dust."

There's a refreshingly playful atmosphere running through Yes! Case in point, the track I Wish I Knew Natalie Portman, which features Nelly Furtado and Saukrates, singing and rhyming over the indelible piano line from the track California by Phantom Planet, which is best known as the theme song for the popular TV series The O.C. He first heard the Rich Kidd-produced beat at Saukrates's studio a couple years ago and decided he had to use it.

> **"I think every record is an opportunity to re-establish your persona."** k-os

"I was like 'dude, you gotta let me rap on this'," k-os says. He knew it'd be a hit while DJing. "I did a party at Whislter one time where I ran it and the crowd just got right into it, like right away."

While Portman isn't mentioned in the song, the actress is symbolic to k-os.

While he loves the acknowledgement and attention he receives in this country, "I think part of my soul wants to soar outside of Canada, and Natalie Portman and California represents going west. 'Go west, young man.' Or go south, in this case.

"When I see her work, she's amazing. But the reference is more about wanting to step out of the bubble and get into new realities, which is what I'm about."

As longtime followers know, k-os stands for knowledge of self and Yes! does feature a healthy dose of introspection typical of his previous work. The self-reflection comes to a peak on the song Burning Bridges, which he insists is more about redefining himself than cutting people from out of his world.

"There's a lyric on that song that goes, 'That's why I'm back in the building, to burn the flame of the fame I was building'. I think every record is an opportunity to re-establish your persona," he says.

"Sometimes I'll see some of the things that I bought in the past, or the clothes in my closet and think, who is that guy? I start to see that I'm separating myself from the person that I was."

k-os in Vancouver

- k-os play the Commodore Ballroom on April 30 and the Croatian Cultural Centre on May 1.

STEVE HYMAN/FOR METRO CANADA

Yes! is the fourth album from Canadian hip-hop artist k-os.

Metro recommends

- **CRACK THE SKYE, MASTODON:** Masterful prog-metal opus comprised of epic songs with complex melodies and a thunderous multi-guitar attack.

- **SELF EXPLANATORY, CLASSIFIED:** Nova Scotia rapper showcases solid rhyming skills in tracks with old-school sampling and 'regular-guy' appeal.

- **GRACE WASTELANDS, PETER DOHERTY:** British bad-boy delivers quirky, ornate folk-pop big on acoustic guitars and a classic Kinks feel.

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Record store revival

Fans celebrate music-buying experience

SoundCheck

Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

In the olden days before iTunes, Napster and MP3s, there was something called the "record store."

It worked like this: You saved up your money, went to the store (during business hours, of course), scoured the shelving in hopes of finding something that you wanted, waited in line at the counter and then gave a clerk money in exchange for the pieces of plastic in your arms. You then returned home and decrypted what was on those pieces of plastic using strange mechanical equipment, some of which involved dragging a really hard rock through the grooves etched in the more ancient forms of these plastic discs.

Record stores were places where you met other music fans. You learned from their choices and from their opinions. And if you were lucky, you had a guy behind the counter who could counsel you on what to buy and what to avoid.

A trip to the record store was an adrenalin rush. First, there was the anticipation of what cool thing you might find this week. Second, you had to get past the clerk who vetted your selections, whether you wanted this particular service or not. He'd flip through your potential purchases, assessing each record: "Crap. Crap. Crap. This one's not bad. Crap. Nice one. Crap." Then he'd look at you: "Still want all these?"

All that seems like such a long time ago. There's an entire generation of music fans who have quite literally never set foot in a record store unless it was by accident. The whole experience of record shopping seems primitive and wholly unnecessary. They get whatever songs they want, whenever they want them, wherever they happened to be using whatever device is most convenient at that moment.

I like convenience, choice and gadget as much as the next person, but I still enjoy the record store experience. And tomorrow, it's hoped that many millions of people will participate in Record Store Day, an annual international event started in 2007 designed to remind people about the place the record store has in the community.

Here's what you should do. First, check out recordstoreday.com/canada to find the participating stores closest to you. Second, read Nick Hornby's High Fidelity tonight. Third, go hang out in the store for a couple of hours. You'll be glad you did.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Jonas Brothers invade Toronto

The 2009 MuchMusic Video Awards will be co-hosted by the Jonas Brothers. The show will air live on Sunday, June 21 at 9 p.m. ET. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

Collins looks for success in reality show

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Former Toronto actress/radio host/comic Carla Collins says the decision to leave Canada for Hollywood was easy. It was in every newspaper.

"The word omnipresent and ubiquitous was in front of my name in a thousand newspaper articles," remembered Collins in an interview at Toronto's new burlesque club Jezebels.

"'The ubiquitous Carla Collins' it said. It was like they were tired of me. So sometimes it's good to go away. Though I hope they call me that in the states. That'd be wonderful."

It hasn't happened yet, though not for lack for trying. As the new series Carlawood (Starting Sunday on TVtropolis) makes it clear — don't get in Collins' way. She's one ambitious gal.

> **"I wanted to challenge myself ... I love the adventure of it all."**
> Carla Collins

Based out of a small apartment in Malibu, Carlawood follows Collins as she attempts to make her mark in the competitive world of acting and comedy.

"I tend to screw up my life whenever I'm comfortable," she says. "I wanted to challenge myself. Play with the bigger, better tennis players. I love the adventure of it all."

As a show, Carlawood has the trappings of your usual reality show as Carla's pursuit of success leads to odd situations and odder Hollywood characters. Still, it's more documentary in tone; a bit more grounded in real life.

"It's not a train wreck show. I think it's relatable to people. You can't set stuff up. Folks are way too sophisticated for that."

Joining Carla on camera is her husband/actor Tyrone Power Jr., son of the Hollywood icon (Blood and Sand, Nightmare Alley). He remembers his first meeting with Carla as a tense experience.

"We had a mutual friend who said 'You have to come and see this one-woman comedy show,'" recalls Power.

"And I said don't make me go. If it's awful, there's only one woman in the cast and I have to meet her after the show. But 30 seconds in, I knew she was great. Funny, charming, intelligent and gorgeous."

As for her career beyond this show, Carla is busy. She's done a couple of TV pilots and has a feature in development.

"They have preconceived notions in L.A. They like to categorize you. But once they start getting you and get who you are, then you start getting the calls."

Debut nears

- Carlawood premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. on TVtropolis.

Carla Collins stars in a new fake reality show called Carlawood. The show premiers on TVTropolis at 9 p.m.

FRIDAY — primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/17/09	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey: Western Conference Quarterfinal Game 2 -- Blues at Canucks						CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Insider	Are You Smarter		THS: The Real Life CSI		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Flashpoint "First in Line"		Spectacle: Elivs		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	Malcolm-Mid.	Prison Break (CC)		Prison Break (N) (CC)		NUMB3RS (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N) (CC)		Supernanny (N) (CC)		Whistler (CC) (DVS)		News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (CC) (DVS)		Departures "Jordan" (CC)		Out There	Out There	The List
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game	America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Flashpoint "First in Line"		NUMB3RS (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	41 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (N) (CC)		Supernanny (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Prison Break (CC)		Prison Break (N) (CC)		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Bashas' Supermarkets 200. (CC)					F1 Racing
family	552	543	25 YTV	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 ★★ (2005) Steve Martin. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Iron Man	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	The Invincible Iron Man (2007) Voices of Marc Worden.			
	268	354	5 KNO	For King and Empire (CC)		Poirot (N) (CC)		Life Begins (N) (CC)		The Last Days ★★★ (1998) Bill Basch.		
	575	583	20 CMT	Children of Fortune ★★ (2000, Mystery) James Brolin, Virginia Madsen.					Candid C.	Children of Fortune ★★ (2000, Mystery)		
variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Killer Date"		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Game Over"		CSI: Miami "Sex & Taxes"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Tonya"		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Joy"		What Not
	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		Durham County (CC)		Testees	Kenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) Happy Gilmore ★★		(:10) My Boys	Sex and-City	Sex and-City		(:40) Happy Gilmore ★★ (1996) Adam Sandler. (CC)		
	603	561	52 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:25) Static (2008) (CC)		Run Fat Boy Run ★★ (2007) Simon Pegg.				(:45) Martian Child ★★ (2007, Drama) John Cusack. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Dianes Dad	Cribs (CC)	Real World-Road Rules		Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Made (CC)

SATURDAY — primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/18/09	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey		News (CC)	Troy ★★★ (2004) Brad Pitt. Achilles leads Greek forces in the Trojan War. (CC)					
	255	358	6 JOY	Family	E News	A Trick of the Mind (2006) Paul Johansson. Premiere. (CC)				Show Yours	G-Spot (CC)	News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE (CC)		CSI: NY "Personal Foul"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order "Crimebusters"		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	ET Canada	Masterminds	National Spelling Bee Finals		Doc "Rules of Engagement"		Doc "Donny's Millions"		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now (CC) (DVS)		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Without a Trace (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries		She (2001, Adventure) Ophélie Winter, Ian Duncan. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY "Heart of Glass"		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "The Ride-In" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		CSI: NY "Personal Foul"		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Pregame	MLS Soccer: Sounders FC at Chivas USA				Backroads	Law & Order "Crimebusters"		News (N)
	288	380	41 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ★★★ (2001) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. (CC)						News
	290	382	23 FOX	(5:00) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Subway Fresh Fit 500.				Friends	Friends	News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Doc Zone "Porndemic"		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone "Porndemic"		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Addiction: Life on the Edge		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Addiction
sports	407	419	22 RSP	BC Poker Championship		KO Boxing				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	NHL Hockey: Conf. Quarterfinal			SportsCentre	Hockey 2009 Allan Cup. From Steinbach, Man. (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Great Outdoors ★★ (1988) Dan Aykroyd. (CC)				Naruto (CC)	Bleach	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	The Man Called Flintstone ★★ (1966) June Foray				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	Killer Crocs of Uganda		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Ghosts of Christmas Past" (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Johnny Reid Live		Grand Ole Opry Live		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Ult. Coyote Ugly Search		Ed (CC)
variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"		CSI: Miami "Big Brother"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours
	616	522	39 SHO	Mutant X "Blood Ties"		The House Next Door (2006, Suspense) Lara Flynn Boyle.				Ocean's Eleven ★★★ (2001) Premiere.		
	294	650	47 TBS	(5:30) The Holiday ★★ (CC)		Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (2004) (CC)				Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde		
	603	561	52 FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		The F Word		Challenge Pie competition.		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen
	320	621	60 CEN	(5:45) Speed Racer ★★		Speed Racer ★★ (2008) Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci. (CC)				(:15) Spider-Man 3 ★★ (2007, Action) (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Dianes Dad	MTV News	After

SUNDAY — primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/19/09	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey: Western Conference Quarterfinal Game 2 -- Ducks at Sharks						CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	The E! True Hollywood Story		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	Star Wars	Big Bang Th	The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) The Mentalist (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	Bob & Doug	Simpsons	Sit Down	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Brothers & Sisters "S3X" (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Bad Reputation"		Medium "The Devil Inside"		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Two Men	Hates Chris	Kings "Judgment Day" (N)		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (CC)		Cinecity (N)
	-	-	14 CW	Jericho (CC)		At First Sight ★★ (1999) Val Kilmer, Mira Sorvino.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The Amazing Race 14 (N)		The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler (2009) Premiere.				News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Miss USA 2009 Contestants compete. (Same-day Tape)				The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	41 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Amer Dad	King of Hill	Simpsons	Sit Down	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News (N)	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	An Inconvenient Truth ★★★ (2006, Documentary) (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		An Inconvenient Truth ★★★ (2006) (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Addiction: Life on the Edge		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Addiction
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Hockey: IIHF World Under-18 Champ. Gold Medal -- Teams TBA					SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	(6:00) Chestnut: Hero of Central Park (2006)			Prank Patrol	In Real Life "Firefighting"		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN (CC)	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Last Seen Wearing (1988) John Thaw, Kevin Whately. (CC)				Life Begins (N) (CC)		Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Blue Collar		Gone Country		The Blue Collar Comedy Tour				Gone Country
variety	615	520	31 A&E	The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Raising Caine"		The Sopranos
	521	560	34 TLC	Cake Boss	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate Go Green		Cake Boss	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
	616	522	39 SHO	The Guard "Wake" (CC)		Lost in the Dark (2007, Suspense) Mae Whitman. (CC)				Rescue Me "Baptism" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:45) Two Weeks Notice ★★ (2002) (CC)		(:45) Take the Lead ★★ (2006) Antonio Banderas. (CC)					(:45) The Out-of-Towners	
	603	561	52 FN	The Next Iron Chef (CC)		At the Table	At the Table	Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Iron Chef
	320	621	60 CEN	The Invasion ★★ (2007) Nicole Kidman.		(:45) The Golden Compass ★★ (2007) Nicole Kidman.					(:40) Hot Rod ★★ (2007)	
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	Made "Pop Singer" (CC)		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After Show

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Mulroney gets his own radio show
Ben Mulroney, right, is adding radio airwaves to his repertoire as host of ETALK 20, a weekly two-hour radio show launching this weekend that counts down the hottest chart-topping tunes in Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

Mix of Six

The West Coast Tattoo Show
When: April 17-19
Where: Tradex Trade and Exhibition Centre, Abbotsford
More than 100 tattoos artists, including Corey Miller of L.A. Ink and Jime Litwalk of Inked are attending. The event will also include a tattoo competition.

Give Girls A Chance fundraiser
When: April, 19
Where: Cafe deux Soleil
Charity Give Girls A Chance is holding a fundraiser to collect money to educate women in Afghanistan and other war-torn areas.

Age of Arousal
When: April 16 to May 9
Where: Granville Island Stage
In a time of corsets and petticoats, libidos and wits collide thunderously against the backdrop of political and sexual liberation in this entertaining play that explores women's independence.

Tree Planting for Earth Day
When: April, 18
Where: Jericho Beach Park
Evergreen, a non-profit organization that aims to improve cities' liveability, is hosting a day of tree planting at Jericho Beach Park. More than 4,000 native trees and plants will be planted.

Studies in Motion
When: April 17
Where: Vancouver Playhouse Theatre
Last presentation of the remarkable spectacle "Studies in Motion" by The Electric Company. The production blends physical theater, technology and innovative storytelling.

Leonard Cohen
When: April 19
Where: GM Place
Legendary poet, singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen performs live in Vancouver as part of his 2009 world tour — his first in 15 years.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Portuguese water dogs
PET Yes, they can — make great pets, that is. Ever since Portie pup Bo was adopted by the Obama family, the demand for the lovable breed has gone up. The Star-Ledger recently reported that New Jersey breeders are fielding more calls about the dog. Many animal lovers are also worried that the craze might give way to unethical breeding practices

2 Susan Boyle
PERSON She came, she sang, she conquered. The unassuming 47-year-old from Scotland brought the snickering audience and judges to her feet last week after her breathtaking performance of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent. The clip has since gone viral and is on its way to becoming one of the defining TV moments of this year, if not the decade.

3 Carlawood
SHOW This reality show to end all reality shows — actually, just mock them — features Canadian funny woman Carla Collins, who was a ubiquitous name in the '90s and early 2000s for her stint with Entertainment Tonight and her roles in Paradise Falls and Sonic Temple. The series begins Sunday on TVTropolis at 9 p.m. ET.

4 The '80s
MUSIC Music from the Reagan era has been bubbling under for a while, thanks to recent indie bands such as M83 and Cut Copy, but nothing heralds a comeback like fresh material from the original heroes. Next week, electro-disco era superstars Depeche Mode and Pet Shop Boys will be releasing new albums, Sounds of the Universe and Yes respectively.

5 Frost/Nixon
DVD Arguably the most underrated of all major 2009 Oscar nominees, this film adaptation of Peter Morgan's hit play is both entertaining and illuminating. In fact, director Ron Howard makes the infamous 1977 interview between British host David Frost and former U.S. president Richard Nixon a tense, terse cat-and-mouse game that will pin you to your seat. Frank Langella as Nixon is priceless.

6 Cops on Twitter
TREND For many police departments across North America, it takes just 140 characters to uphold the law these days. While some are using the popular microblog to alert people to traffic disruptions, others are using it to explain why police are in a certain neighbourhood or to offer crime prevention tips.

7 Earth Day
CAUSE This eco-friendly event may not have the dramatic heft of Earth Hour (lights out across the world for 60 minutes in the evening) but April 22 is a good reminder of our environmental responsibilities, especially in a tough economy where green thinking can easily fall off the radar.

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Penelope embraces aging

Penelope Cruz has vowed to grow old gracefully like her icon Sophia Loren and insists she will not have cosmetic surgery to keep her looks — and looks forward to getting grey hair and wrinkles. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

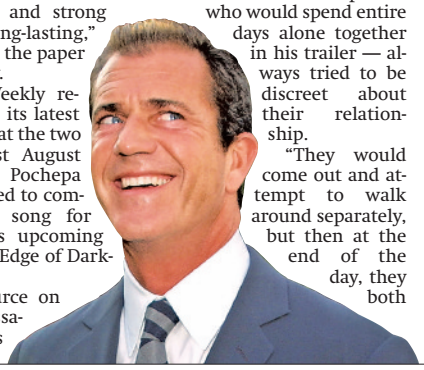
Celebrity Buzz

Mel's lover comes forward?

RELATIONSHIP Days after Mel Gibson's wife of 28 years, Robyn, filed for divorce, a 24-year-old Russian pop singer has come forth, claiming that she had a romantic relationship with the 53-year-old actor and has now fallen in love, usmagazine.com alleges.

In a new interview in Britain's The Sun, Oksana Pochepa also confirms that she is the mystery brunette photographed kissing Gibson on a Costa Rican beach in March.

"This is serious and I hope that our union will be real and strong and long-lasting," she told the paper Tuesday.



Us Weekly reports in its latest issue that the two met last August when Pochepa was hired to compose a song for Gibson's upcoming thriller Edge of Darkness.

A source on the Massachusetts set tells Us that the pair — who would spend entire days alone together in his trailer — always tried to be discreet about their relationship.

"They would come out and attempt to walk around separately, but then at the end of the day, they both returned to the same hotel," the on-set source tells Us. "She was there on and off for a week, but it was clear she had no business there other than to be with Mel."

Fuelling more rumours? They met up in January in Mexico City, where Gibson directed a music video for Pochepa, usmagazine.com adds.

"Mel's team brought all of their own people," Alejandro Alvarez of Estudios Churubusco tells Us of the shoot. METRO NEWS SERVICES

LiLo breaking down?

PEOPLE Since her breakup with Samantha Ronson, Lindsay Lohan has reportedly gotten out of control, drinking and partying all over Los Angeles — and now her family is trying to get the troubled actress back into rehab, according to OK! Magazine.

"We're all trying to convince Lindsay to go," a relative tells the magazine.

The topic even reportedly led to a raucous shouting match between Lindsay and her mom, Dina Lohan, early in the morning on Easter Sunday, disturbing the Hollywood Hills neighbourhood where Lindsay is renting a house. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Art imitates life for Aniston

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston has reportedly found inspiration from the movie she's filming, The Baster, about a 40-year-old woman who turns to artificial insemination to get pregnant.

"Jen's been telling everyone on the set this film should be promoted as the story of her life," a source tells the National Enquirer. "But the real shocker is that she says her top candidate for artificial insemination is David Schwimmer."

Oddly enough, on their hit show Friends, Schwimmer's character fathered Aniston's character's child. METRO WORLD NEWS

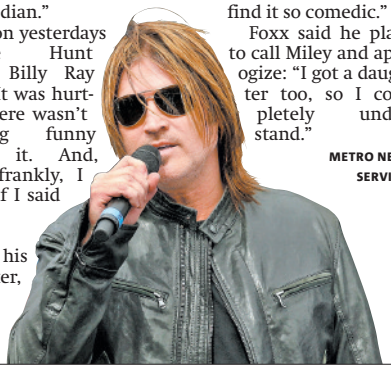
Billy Ray flays Foxx

DISPUTE Billy Ray Cyrus says Jamie Foxx was out of line after making crude cracks at his 16-year-old daughter, Miley Cyrus, usmagazine.com reports.

Foxx, 41, apolgized Tuesday for saying on his Sirius radio show that the Hannah Montana star needs "to get a gum transplant ... make a sex tape ... do some heroin."

Foxx — who has a teenage daughter — told Jay Leno, "I didn't mean it maliciously. You know I'm a comedian."

But on yesterdays Bonnie Hunt Show, Billy Ray says, "It was hurtful. There wasn't nothing funny about it. And, quite frankly, I think if I said those things about his daughter, he might not find it so comedic."



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Foxx said he plans to call Miley and apologize: "I got a daughter too, so I completely understand." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mandy's career relaunch

CAREER Mandy Moore doesn't like her own music, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer says she has never recorded a "quality" song because her record company chose all her music.

The 25-year-old star said: "The music is all a reflection of me now, not somebody else's choices. I was just told to show up and what to sing. That was late-'90s pop music for you.

"I found myself in the company of Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, who had really quality music, much more so than mine," she said. Mandy hopes her new album Amanda Leigh — made with the help of her alternative country musician husband Ryan Adams — will change her bubblegum pop reputation. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Rihanna back at it

CAREER Two months after cancelling a string of shows in the wake of her altercation with Chris Brown, Rihanna is headed back to the stage. The singer's first concert will take place May 28 in Dubai, according to E! News.

The show, which will be open to more than 25,000 ticket-buyers, will most likely take place in a designer outdoor venue.

"Normally they create a special stage in the desert for these events," Dubai Tourism spokeswoman Mary Rachelle Cherpak says. Tickets are expected to be on sale soon. METRO WORLD NEWS

Justin's mountain trek

PEOPLE Justin Timberlake is planning to scale Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness of the global water crisis.

"I've been training four times a week to get my VO2 levels up to expand my lungs," Timberlake tells GQ magazine.

He's bringing along rapper Lupe Fiasco and singer Kenna.

"We'll climb for a week straight, carrying 30 pounds on our backs. It's going to be intense, but it's going to be so rewarding," he said. METRO WORLD NEWS

Madonna back in arms of Jesus

RELATIONSHIP After her recent adoption fiasco, Madonna seems to be back in model Jesus Luz's arms. The two were spotted having dinner in New York, and also at the Kabbalah centre, according to Hollyscoop.

Sources say the two left the restaurant separately but rendezvoused in her waiting car. METRO WORLD NEWS

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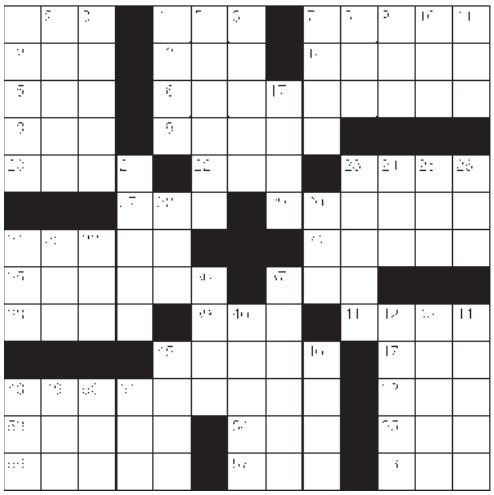

Crossword across

1 Pompous sort
4 Upper limit
7 Excavate
12 Wire measure
13 — Dhabi
14 Overact
15 Literary collection
16 Ransom-note writer
18 Author Fleming
19 Double- — sword
20 Approaching
22 Spud bud
23 A handful
27 Early hrs.
29 Neat and stylish
31 Bow or Barton
34 Starbucks order
35 Eve, e.g.
37 Sailor
38 Do what you're told
39 Brewery product
41 Close friends
45 Steve Carell role
47 Actor McBride
48 Insecticide alternative
52 Annoy
53 Hunter in the sky
54 Patriotic chant
55 Appomattox also-ran
56 First Oscar-winning film
57 Remuneration
58 "Undeniably"

Crossword down

1 With full force
2 Egyptian peninsula
3 Word on the street?
4 Birthday party must-have
5 Tolerates
6 On the plump side
7 Out of play
8 Mischievous tyke
9 Bush league?
10 Salt Lake tribe member
11 Apiece
17 Requirement
21 Shrewish one
23 Ignite
24 Make up your mind
25 Encountered
26 Prior to
28 West of Hollywood
30 Chicken-king link
31 — -Magnon
32 Science workshop
33 Mimic
36 Freeway access
37 Nobel-winning Mother
40 Drink eagerly
42 With aloofness
43 Crowd?
44 Increases, as prices
45 Lacking
46 Salver
48 Acknowledge applause
49 Spoon-bender Geller
50 Martini ingredient
51 Last king of Albania

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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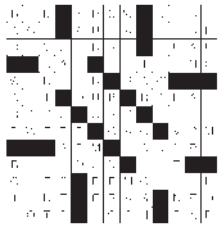

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Sweet and Sour Glazed Pork with Pineapple

INGREDIENTS:
14 oz (398 ml) can juice-packed pineapple wedges
1/2 cup (125 ml) red currant jelly
2 tbsp (25 ml) plus 2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed pork tenderloin
1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Drain and dice pineapple, reserving juice.
2. Combine pineapple juice, currant jelly, 2 tbsp (25 ml) mustard, and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt in small pot. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until jelly has melted and mixture is slightly syrupy and reduced to 2/3 cup, 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature. Measure out 1/2 cup of mixture and set aside as a sauce. Reserve mixture remaining in pot for a baste.
3. Place pork in 7 x 11-in. (18 x 28-cm) baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice and remaining 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt. Brush pork with basting mixture. Roast pork, basting every 10 minutes with pan juices, until cooked through, 30 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, combine diced pineapple with remaining 2 tsp (10 ml) mustard in small bowl. Let cooked pork stand 10 minutes before slicing. Serve sliced pork with reserved sauce and pineapple-mustard mixture on the side.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Excellent advice helps to clear your mind. Uncertainty is exposed. An old favourite finds the consolation of love.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A simple task is counter-productive. A heartless tale is an amusing revelation. There's a good reason for someone's hostility.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Recover from heartache by asking for help. You'll stumble over foolish beliefs. An old lesson now has special meaning.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Consideration for others causes a risk to arise. Responsibilities slow you down to a crawl. There are twinges of guilt over a tempting offer.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A stranger's defeat won't drain your energy. A chat results from a wise decision. A false alarm defines incompetence.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Be especially careful with neighbours. An honourable person is checked for imperfection. Renewal comes from uninhibited career goals.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A misunderstanding focuses on wasting time. A friend might not sidestep a feud. You'll inspire others and help them to grow.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Satisfaction comes from trusting your instincts. Your hopes are raised by reaching an agreement. Someone's whimsy gets in the way.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Exceptional evidence of past issues is presented. Drag yourself away from a technical conversation. Be very clear about your distress.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A fearful friend feels sorry for himself. Don't encourage anyone to avoid work. You can attain power by giving assistance.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Rise above panic and have new hope for the future. Ask to be released from obligations. A companion's blunder goes unpunished.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Investigate an ally's tenacity. A mark of respect is hard to find. Make it easy for others to talk to you.

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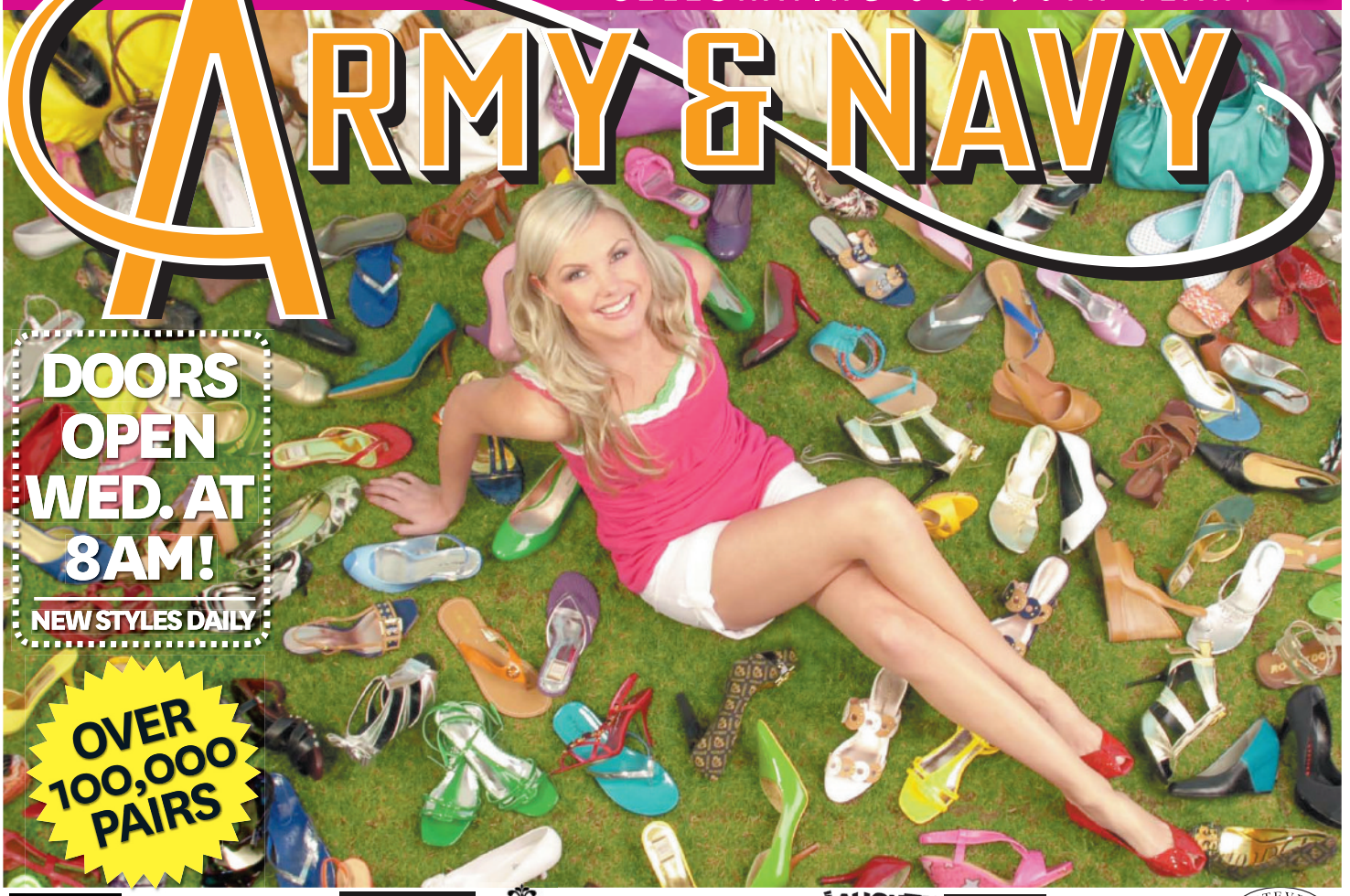

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